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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Purpose

To establish the Board of Supervisors' legislative policy regarding community clinics, and to provide guidance to the County's legislative representatives when advocating the County's interests to legislators, other elected officials and policy makers.

Background

After leasing the County Hospital to the Regents of the University of California San Diego in 1968, (subsequently sold in 1980), the County ceased being a direct provider of ambulatory primary care, the exception being preventive health services provided by the Health and Human Services Agency. However, since 1971, the County has funded community clinics to provide preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services. This history of County financial support for community clinics represents a significant portion of County-funded health care.

Policy

The legislative policy of the Board of Supervisors regarding community clinics is to:

1. Support legislation that would improve the ability of community clinics in securing low cost medical professional liability insurance coverage.
2. Support legislation that would encourage the use of professional and non-professional volunteers, paraprofessionals and allied health professionals to the maximum extent possible.
3. Support legislation that would encourage the development of community clinic health programs in medically underserved rural and urban areas.
4. Support legislation that would provide State and/or federal funds for clinic programs and services.

Responsible Departments

1. Health and Human Services Agency
2. Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12/31/07.

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